

8 Was the L^OR^D displeased against the riuers : was thine anger against the riuers : was thy wrath against the Sea, that thou didst ride vpon thine horses, and thy charrets of saluation :

9 Thy bow was made quite naked according to the oathes of the tribes, euen thy word. Selah. || Thou didst cleaue the earth with riuers.

10 The mountaines lawe thee, and they trembled : the ouerflowing of the water passed by : the deepe uttered his voyce, and lift vp his hands on high.

11 The Sunne and Moone * stood still in their habitation : || at the light of thine * arrowes they went, and at the shining of thy glittering speare.

12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the heathen in anger.

13 Thou wentest forth for the saluation of thy people, euen for saluation with thine Anointed, thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discouering the foundation vnto the necke. Selah.

14 Thou didst strike through with

his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirle-winde to scatter me : their reioycing was as to deuoure the poore secretly.

15 Thou didst walke through the Sea with thine horses, through the heape of great waters.

16 When I heard, my belly trembled: my lips quivered at the voice : rottenesse entred into my bones, and I trembled in my selfe, that I might rest in the day of trouble : when hee commeth vp vnto the people, he wil || inuade them with his troupes.

17 || Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruite bee in the vines : the labour of the Olive shall faile, and the fields shal yeeld no meat, the flocke shall be cut off from the folde, and there shalbe no heard in the stalles :

18 Yet I will reioyce in the L^OR^D: I will ioy in the God of my saluation.

19 The L^OR^D God is my strength, and he will make my feet like * hindes feet, and he will make me to walke vpon mine high places. To the chiese singer on my stringed instruments.

† Heb. were tempestuous.

|| Or, mad.

|| Or, cut them in pieces.

† Heb. lie.

* 2.Sam.
22.34.psal.
18.34.
† Heb. Negi-
noth.



ZEPHANIAH.

CHAP. I.

Gods seuere iudgement against Iudah for diuers sinnes.

The worde of the L^OR^D which came vnto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the sonne of Amariah, the sonne of Hizkiah, in the dayes of Josiah, the sonne of Amon king of Iudah.

2 I † will utterly consume all things from off † the land, saith the L^OR^D.

3 I will consume man and beast: I will consume the foules of the heauen and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling blocks with the wicked, and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the L^OR^D.

4 I will also stretch out mine hand vpon Iudah, and vpon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the Chemarims with the priests :

5 And them that worship the hoste of heauen vpon the house tops, & them that worship, and that sweare || by the L^OR^D, and that sweare by Malcham:

6 And them that are turned backe from the L^OR^D, & those that haue not sought y L^OR^D, nor enquired for him.

7 Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord G^D: for the day of the L^OR^D is at hand: for the L^OR^D hath prepared a sacrifice: he hath † bid his ghests.

8 And it shall come to passe in the day of the L^OR^Ds Sacrifice, that I will † punish the princes, and the kings children, and al such as are clothed with strange apparell.

9 In the same day also wil I punish all

|| Or, to the Lord.

† Heb. san-
ctified or prepared.

† Heb. visite
upon.

† Heb. by ta-
king away I
will make an
end.

† Heb. the
face of the
land.

|| Or, Idoles.

Setled on the lees. Zephaniah. Seeke the Lord.

all those that leape on the threshold, which fill their masters houses with violence and deceit.

10 And it shall come to passe in that day, saith the L O R D , that there shall be the noise of a cry from the fish gate, and an howling from the second , and a great crashing from the hils.

11 Howle yee inhabitants of Maltesh, for all the merchant people are cut downe: all they that beare siluer are cut off.

12 And it shall come to passe at that time, that I wil search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees, that say in their heart, The L O R D will not doe good, neither will he doe euill.

13 Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: they shall also build houses, but *not inhabite them, and they shall plant Vineyards , but not drinke the wine thereof.

14 The great day of the L O R D is neere, it is neere, and hasteth greatly, euen the voice of the day of the L O R D : the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

15 That day is a day of* wrath, a day of trouble and distresse, a day of wastenesse and desolation, a day of darknesse and gloominess, a day of cloudes and thicke darkenesse;

16 A day of the trumpet and alarme against the fencid cities, and against the high towres.

17 And I will bring distresse vpon men, that they shall walke like blinde men, because they haue sinned against the L O R D , and their blood shall bee poured out as dust, and their flesh as the doung.

18 *Neither their siluer nor their golde shall be able to deliuer them in the day of the L O R D S wrath: but the whole land shall bee* devoured by the fire of his iealousie: for hee shall make euen a speedy riddance of all them that dwel in the land.

CHAP. II.

1 An exhortation to repentance. 4 The judgement of the Philistines, 8 Of Moab and Ammon, 12 Of Ethiopia and Assyria.

Caller your selues together, yea gather together, O nation || not desired.

2 Before the decree bring foorth, before the day

passe as the chaffe, before the fierce anger of the L O R D come vpon you, before the day of the L O R D S anger come vpon you.

3 Seeke ye the L O R D all ye meeke of the earth, which haue wrought his iudgement, seeke righteousnesse, seeke meeknesse: it may be, ye shall be hid in the day of the L O R D S anger.

4 ¶ For Gaza shall bee forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drue out Ashdod at the noone day, and Ekron shall be rooted vp.

5 Woe vnto the inhabitants of the sea coast: the nation of the Cherethites, the word of the L O R D is against you: O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will euen destroy thee, that there shal be no inhabitant.

6 And the sea coast shall bee dwellings and cottages for shepheards, and foldes for flockes.

7 And the coast shall bee for the remnant of the house of Judah, they shall feede thereupon, in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie downe in the euening: || for the L O R D their God shall visite them, and turne away their captiuitie.

8 ¶ I haue heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, whereby they haue reproched my people, and magnified themselves against their border.

9 Therefore, as I live, saith the L O R D of hostes the God of Israel, surely Moab shalbe as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, euen the breeding of netles, and salt pits, and a perpetuall desolation, the residue of my people shall spoile them, and the remnant of my people shall possesse them.

10 This shall they haue for their pride, because they haue reproched and magnified themselves against the people of the L O R D of hostes.

11 The L O R D will be terrible vnto them: for he will famish all the gods of the earth, and men shall worship him, every one from his place, euen all the Iles of the heathen.

12 ¶ Ye Ethiopians also, ye shalbe slaine by my sword.

13 And he wil stretch out his hand against the North, and destroy Assyria, and wil make Nineueh a desolation, and dry like a wildernes.

14 And flockes shall lie downe in the midst

[†]Hebr. cur-
ded, or thick-
ned.

^{*}Deu. 28.
36, 39.
amos 5. 11.

^{*}Iere. 30. 7.
ioel 2. 11.
amos 5. 18.

^{*}Prou. 11.
4. ezeb. 7.
19.

Zeph. 3. 8.

^{||}Or, not de-
fended.

[¶]Or, when,
&c.

[†]Heb. make
leane.

The carelesse citie. Chap.ijj. Gods loue.

midst of her, all the beasts of the nations: both the [¶]Cormorant, and the Bitterne, shall ^{*}lodge in the [¶]upper lincts of it: their voice shal sing in the windowes, desolation shall be in the thresholds: [¶]for he shall vncouer the Cedar Worke.

15 This is the reioyng citie that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, *I am, and there is none beside me: how is shee become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie downe in: every one that passeth by her, shall hisse and wagge his hand.

C H A P. III.

1 A shape reproofe of Ierusalem for diuers sinnes. 8 An exhortation to wait for the restauration of Israel: 14 and to reioyce for their saluation by God.

[¶]Or, glut-tenous. [¶]Or, crav.

Woe to her that is [¶]filthie and polluted, to the oppressing citie.

2 She obeyed not the voice: she receiued not [¶]correction: she trusted not in the L O R D : she drew not neere to her God.

3 Her princes within her are roaring ^{*}lyons; her Judges are euening wolves, they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

4 Her ^{*}prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests haue polluted the Sanctuarie, they haue done ^{*}violence to the Law.

5 The iust L O R D is in the middest thereof: he will not doe iniquitie: [†]euery morning doeth hee bring his iudgement to light, he faileth not: but the uniuersall knoweth no shame.

6 I haue cut off the nations: their towres are desolate, I made their streetes waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroied, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.

7 I said, Surely thou wilt feare mee: thou wilt receiue instruction: so their dwelling should not bee cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, & corrupted all their doings.

8 C Therefore waite ye vpon mee, saith the L O R D , vntill the day that I rise vp to the pray: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdomes to powre vpon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shalbe

devoured with the fire of my ^{*}jealousie.

9 For then will I turne to the people a pure [†]language, that they may all call vpon the Name of the L O R D , to serue him with one [†]consent.

10 From beyond the riuers of Ethiopia, my suppliants, euen the daughter of my dispersed shal bring mine offring.

11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the middest of thee them that reioyce in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty the cause of mine holy mountaine.

12 I will also leaue in the middest of thee an afflicted and poore people: and they shall trust in the Name of the L O R D .

13 The remnant of Israel shall not doe iniquitie, nor speake lies: neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feede, and lie downe, and none shall make them afraid.

14 C Sing, O ^{*}daughter of Zion: shout, O Israel: be glad and reioyce with all the heart, O daughter of Ierusalem.

15 The L O R D hath taken away thy iudgements, he hath cast out thine enemy: the King of Israel, euen the L O R D is in the middest of thee: thou shalt not see euill any more.

16 In that day it shall be said to Ierusalem, Feare thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be [¶]slacke.

17 The L O R D thy God in the middest of thee is mightie: hee will saue, he will reioyce ouer thee with ioy: [†]hee will rest in his loue, hee will ioy ouer thee with singing.

18 I will gather them that are sorrowfull for the solemne assembly, who are of thee, to whom the [†]reproch of it was a burden.

19 Behold, at that time I will vnde all that afflict thee, and I will saue her that ^{*}halteth, and gather her that was driven out, and [†]I will get them praise and fame in every land, [†]Where they haue beene put to shame.

20 At that time will I bring you againe euuen in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turne backe your captiuitie before your eyes, saith the L O R D .

^{*}Chap. i 18.

[†]Heb. lip.

[†]Heb. shoul-der.

[†]Heb. in my holy.

^{*}Ier. 12.6.
and 54.1.

[¶]Or, faint.

[†]Heb. he will be silent.

[†]Heb. the burden up-on it was reproch.

^{*}Mic. 4.7.

[†]Heb. I will set them for a praise.

[†]Hebr. of their shame.